

23.1.75 Partly Cloudy - 8.00 to 9.30 A.M

Umayal puram - very little flow
in the kaveri - harvesting not yet
started fully.

For the first time noticed a
Golden Oriole - very late note
About 15 to 20 vultures (?) sitting
in the middle of Kaveri.

This hour of the morning is
not as good as the early hour.
Cloudy & drizzling for the past
two days - no significant rain
for the period.

In the village Rufous Shrike
was noted for the first time

- 1 Vulture ?
- 2 Green Shank
- 3 Pariah Kite
- 4 Brahminy Kite
- 5 Marsh Harrier
- 6 Paddy Bird
- 7 Blue Tailed Bee Eater
- 8 Common Bee Eater
- 9 Swallow
- 10 Palm Swift
- 11 Brown Swift
- 12 White Breasted Kingfisher
- 13 Pied Crested Cuckoo
- 14 Drongo
- 15 Grey Drongo
- 16 Golden Oriole
- 17 Little Minivet
- 18 Red vented Bulbul
- 19 Spotted Munia
- 20 Blue Tailed Parakeet

- 21 House Crow
 - 22 Common Myna
 - 23 Jungle Babbler
 - 24 Common Babbler
 - 25 Purple Sundbird
 - 26 P. Rumped "
 - 27 Bgth Reed Warbler
 - 28 ~~Fan~~ Tailed Warbler
 - 29 Pied Wagtail
 - 30 Grey Headed
Wagtail
 - 31 Spotted Dove
 - 32 Bush Lark
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- Seen at - Allah
- 33 Rufous Shrike
 - 34 Black Headed Shrike
 - 35 Jungle Crow

24.1.75 - upto New Bridge 6.35 to 7.35 A.M.

About - 1 c.m Rain ~~precipitated~~ yesterday evening after a long dry spell -

Blue Tailed Bee Eaters in hundreds circling in four or five places. Swallows also in good number. Water birds in small numbers - Wagtails which were in hundreds a month ago were in small number. I saw a new Tern and Robin - Total = 36 for day

36 Shikara

37. Red Start

38. B. Bellied Flark

39. Common Sandpiper

40. Spotted Sandpiper

41. Common Kingfisher

42. Whitetailed Swallow

43. Little Tern

44. Whiteheaded Wagtail

45. Brahmy Myna

Tree Pies and
Roller were
absent ✓

From Collected

46. Pied Heron

47. The Roller

48. Indian Robin

49. Coppersmith (Heard)

6-2-75 F.N. 3058.20 upto Engoimalai
A.N. 5.00 to 6.30 upto Umalyalparam.

Hot Day - No Rain - Water in
The canvery.

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| 21. White Breasted Water Hen | |
| 22. Madras Bush Lark | |
| 23. Blue Tailed Bee Eater | |
| 24. Brown Swift | |
| 25. Common Swallow | |
| 26. Purple Rumped Sunbird | |
| 27. Common Sandpiper | |
| 28. Spotted Sandpiper | |
| 29. Golden Backed Woodpecker | |
| 30. White Throated Munia | |
| 31. Shikare | |
| 32. Grey Headed Myiagra | 42. Spotted
oulet |
| 33. River Tern | 43. Lesser sand
Plover |
| 34. Paradise Flycatcher | 44. Rain Tail
Warbler |
| 35. Median Egret | 45. Grey Drongo |
| 36. Paddy Bird | |
| 38. Blyth Reed Warbler | |
| 39. Brahmīnī Myiā | |
| 40. Rufous Shrike | |
| 41. Black Headed Cuckoo Shrike | |

2.3.1975 - up to new bridge - 6.10 AM to 7.10 AM

Long dry spell - water released in the
Canary for the past three days. Harvesting
almost over - second Thaladi crop standing
in some fields.

Blue Tailed Bee Eaters and Swallow
still hovering in the early mornings.
Sandpipers not seen - Wagtails also
completely absent -

- 21. Spotted Owlet
- 22. Sika
- 23. Tree Pie
- 24. Indian Robin
- 25. Madras Bush Lark
- 26. Cattle Egret
- 27. Swallow
- 28. Red Start

5-3-75 Eastern Cauvery Band upto Umayalpuram

5 to 6-30 P.M - hot but cloudy day - few drops
of rain - still water flowing in cauvery.

~~Swifts~~ Swallows in large num-
bers flying very low over the bund.
I think this is due to the fire in the bushes
on both sides of the bund. Other birds
are also in large numbers and they
are very active.

29. Green Shank
30. Red wattled Lap Wing
31. Iora
32. Purple Rumped Sunbird
33. Golden Backed Woodpecker
34. Cuckoo Drongo
35. Brown Swift
36. Scarlet Minaret -
37. Jerdon's Chloropsis
38. White Browed Bulbul
39. Flower Pecker
40. Tailor Bird
41. River Tern
42. ~~Barnard~~ ^{Barnard} Wagtail
43. Bayle Weed warblers
44. Wood Shrike.

Birds Seen After 15.4.1964

16.4.1974 - on the canvey bank up to Unrayalparam

5.15 P.M. to 6.45 P.M. - No rain for the past one month. Very little water in the canvey. Cultivation operation going on in very few fields.

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| 1. Jungle Crow | 20. Ashy Swallow Shrike |
| 2. House Crow | 21. Koel |
| 3. House Sparrow | 22. Brain Fever Bird |
| 4. Indian Robin | 23. Purple Sunbird |
| 5. Jungle Babbler | 24. Rump L. Sunbird |
| 6. Common Myna | 25. Black Drongo |
| 7. Rose R. Parakeet | 26. Redvented bulbul |
| 8. Common Bee Eater | 27. Spotted Dove |
| 9. Little Egret | 28. Little Minivet |
| 10. Median Egret | 29. River Tern |
| 11. Spotted Sandpiper | 30. Little whiskered Tern |
| 12. Greenshank | 31. White breasted Kingfisher |
| 13. Stints. | |
| 14. Grey Wagtail | |
| 15. Large Pied Wagtail | |
| 16. Red walled Lapwing | |
| 17. Common Swallow | |
| 18. Palm Swift | |
| 19. Brown Swift | |

17.4.75 New Bridge

F.N + A.N. went for bats.

- 32. Indian Roller
- 33. Black Headed Munia
- 34. White Backed Munia
- 35. Indian Pipit
- 36. Pied Kingfisher
- 37. White Breasted Waterhen
- 38. Newkind of Tern ??
- 39. Rock Pigeon
- 40. Brahmany Kite
- 41. Pariah Kite

20.4.75 New Bridge F.N + Afternoon

- 42. White Throated Munia
- 43. Black Bellied Finch Lark
- 44. Paddy Bird
- 45. Grey Partridge
- 46. Wood Shrike
- 47. Grey Drongo
- 48. Blackwinged Stilt

24.4.75 - 5.45 to 8.00 A.M. - upto Umayalparam and return by Cauvery bank. Agriculture operations along the in full swing on both sides of the Vaikatal.

One Roller enters a fold in the tree trunk on the main road just $2\frac{1}{2}$ metres above ground level.

Spotted sand pipers and Grey headed wagtails in large numbers in the fields where ploughing is going on. About fifty (50) birds noted on the trip

49. Large Indian Pratincole seen first time in the cauvery. About half a dozen birds feeding running ~~running~~ ^{wet} on sand bed in the river cauvery.

50. Shikara

51. Ashy Wren Warbler

52. White Browed Bulbul

53. Flower Pecker

54. Little Ring Plover

55. Blue Tailed Bee Eater (only one ?)

56. Cuckoo Shrike

57. Tree Pie

27.4.75 - New Bridge - By Pan Road. -
4 evenings.

58 Baya Weaver

59 Pied Bush Chat.

60 Spotted Owllet

61 Madras Bush Lark

28.4.75 upto Umayapuram 5.45 to 6.45 AM

To-day I was fortunate enough to see three birds which eluded me for the past ten days. The Swallows were completely absent Indian Pratincoles seen in good numbers. Spotted sandpipers in good numbers.

62. Hoopie

63. Golden backed Woodpecker

64. Iora

65. Golden Oriole(?) or Brahmany Myna

1-5-75 - 5.00 P.M to 6.30 P.M up to New Bridge
By By Pan Road and some distance in the
canvery.

To day I ventured ~~some~~ km west-
in the canvery and I was fortunate to see
certain waders which we could see only
along sea coast. Spotted Sandpipers are
still in good numbers.

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| 1. Spotted Sandpiper (. | 18 House Crow |
| 2. Greenshank | 19 Jungle Crow |
| 3 Lesser Sandplover | 20 Myna |
| 4 Common Sandpiper | 21 Common Gr Bee Eater |
| 5 Dunlin. | 22 Parakeet |
| 6 River Tern | 23 Indian Robin |
| 7 Black Bellied Tern | 24 Palm Swift |
| 8 Paddy Bird | 25 House Swift |
| 9 Night Heron | 27. Pariah Kite |
| 10 Medium Egret | 28. Brahmany kite |
| 11 Pied Wagtail | 29. Baya weaver |
| 12 Pied Kingfisher | 30 Ashy Wren Warbler |
| 13 White Br. Kingfisher | 31. Pied Bush chat |
| 14 Madras Bushlark | |
| 15 Purple Sunbird | |
| 16 Blue Jay | |
| 17 Black Drongo | |

6-5-1975 - up to Umayalparam 6.30 to 8.00 AM

about $\frac{1}{2}$ cm Rain yesterday night - Sunny
morning - ^{heavy} Wind.

Spotted sandpipers are still here.
about 5 to 10 seen.

Single Black winged Stit seen.

Some Ducks seen far off in the

3 Canvery.

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| 32 Little Egret | 46 Black Headed Cuckoo Shrike |
| 33 Black winged Stit | 47 Gora |
| 34 Duck - ? | 48 Redwattled lapwing |
| 35 Swallows - (3) (X) | 49 House Sparrow |
| 36 Ashy Swallow Shrike | 50 Little Minivet |
| 37 Shikara | 51 Boatwale |
| 38 Tailor Bird | 52 Tree Pie (4) |
| 39 Yellow Eyed Babbler | 53 Red vented Bulbul |
| 40 Jungle Babbler | 54 Spotted Owlet |
| 41 White Headed Babbler | 55 Purple Rumped Sunbird |
| 42 Paradise Flycatcher | 56 Rock Pigeon |
| 43 Wood Shrike | 57 Spotted Dove |
| 44 Koel | 58 Yellow Throated Sparrow |
| 45 Grey Drongo | 59 White Throated Munia |
| King Crow | 60 White Breasted Water Hen |

61 - Teal about
hunched

- 62. Black Bellied Finch Lark
- 63. Coppersmith
- 64. Indian Pipit
- 65. Golden Backed Woodpecker

10.5.1975 - Thattaiyangan Pettai Road
upto 6.5 K.M Mark. A ~~Tharavakadu~~
on the road side. drizzling.

~~Spotted~~ Ring Doves in good numbers

Larks and Drongo. Could prove
a best place during winter. Noted
Brahmany mynas on the way

66 Brahmany My na

67 Ring Dove

68 White backed Munia

12.5.75 - upto Umayalpuram - \$ 45 to 8.00 AM
left my cycle at Viswanathram's house
and went to the canvery. On the way itself
saw three Ducks flying from north to
Canvery. In the canvery 7 ducks flew
very low making crackling noise.
River Terns, B. Belliced Tern and
Pratincoles about (50) were also seen.
R. Terns and B. Belliced Terns flew
over my heads making their crys and
followed me till it started raining.
Pratincoles make a peculiar posture
lying on the sand and spreading its
wings. They crept forward for a little
distance like a mouse. They also
flew over head with the Terns.

Started Raining ^{by 7.00 A.M.} and completely
trenched.

- 9. Hoopie
- 7. Grey Heron (4)
- Large Egret (1)
- Large Cormorants (6)

17.5.75 - 13th May to 23rd May 1975

7.15 to 8.30 A.M. - 1st May 1975 - 1st May 1975
2nd May 1975 - 1st May 1975 - 1st May 1975
2nd May 1975 - 1st May 1975 - 1st May 1975.

Tailor Birds, Babblers, Minivets
were in good numbers - able to see 5
new birds not seen around Masiri.
on the way saw five cormorants near
Vailthalai.

In winter the area will provide
much larger numbers of birds. Due
to thick foliage not able to see much of
the birds. One Blue Tailed Bee Eater
seen.

- 73 Magpie Robin
- 74 Blue Tied Bee Eater
- 75 Little cormorants
- 76 Indian House Swift
- 77 Little Minivet

20-5-1975 upto 1000m @ 7.00 K.M. - 6.00 to 8.00 AM

Rain Perivious Evening -

Able to see a Kestrel for the middle of the Paddy field some 100m from the main Road.

Blue Tailed Bee Eaters ^{were} also noticed ^{by me} near the Manal Tiller in the Cauvery. Itropies and Wren Warblers were also seen.

Complete absence of Pied Crested Cuckoo and Coocul is the distinct feature of the season. Grey Partridges were also absent.

Baya Weavers started to build their nests

78. Cattle Egret

79. Kestrel

22.5.75 - 31302 to 03022 W 7.15 to
8.45 A.M.

To day I got down near Thiruvallur
Went along the Northern Cooralar Bank
upto Nochiyam. The stretch provides
a potential field for bird watching
and Photography. There are many
Swamp like patches in the Cooralar
and it provides feeding ground
for Sandpipers and Plovers.

I saw 258 Grey Herons
and few Plovers. The mango garden
contains lot of small Birds. After a
long interval I saw a Brain Fever
Bird singing its heart throbbing melodies
at very close quarters.

80. Brain Fever Bird

81. Spotted Munia

82. White Scavenger Vulture.

20.6.1975 - upto Umayalparam - return
 via north bank of canyery - 5.45 to 7.15 A.M.
 Cloudy - Moderate winds - and drizzling
 the previous evening

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| 1. House Crow | 19. Koel |
| 2. Jungle Crow | 20. Brain Fever Bird |
| 3. Pariah Kite | 21. Tree Pie |
| 4. Common Myna | 22. Common Bee Eater |
| 5. Jungle Babbler | 23. Common Wood Shrike |
| 6. White Headed Babbler | 24. Red Vented Bulbul |
| 7. White Breasted Kingfisher | 25. Purple Sunbird |
| 8. Black Drongo | 26. Purple Rumped Sunbird |
| 9. Palm Swift | 27. Copper Smith |
| 10. House Swift | 28. Grey Drongo |
| 11. Large Egret | 29. White Eyed ^{White} Breasted Babbler |
| 12. Grey Heron | 30. Indian Robin |
| 13. Night Heron | 31. Parakeet |
| 14. River Tern | 32. Spotted Dove |
| 15. Large Pied Wagtail | 33. Brahmany Kite |
| 16. Paddy Bird | 34. Fantail Wren Warbler |
| 17. Pratincole | 35. Streaked Wren Warbler |
| 18. Red Wattled Lagwing | 36. Tailor Bird |
| | 37. Shikara |
| | 38. Gora |
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20.6.75 - up to New Bridge via By pass

Heavy winds - Paddy ripe. 5.00 to 6.15 P.m.

39. Blue Jay
40. White Throated Munia
41. Black Bellied Finch Lark
42. Ashy Swallow Shrike
43. ~~Black~~ Backed Munia
44. Weaver Bird (most of them in breeding pairs)
45. Little Egret.

1.7.1975 - Via Bypan upto new bridge
and then via Salem Road - 6.00 A.M to 7.00 A.M.

Heavy winds subsided - harvesting of the
summer crop paddy started

1. House crow
2. Jungle Crow
3. Myna
4. Jungle Babbler
5. Black Drongo
6. Blue Jay
7. Indian Robin
8. Pied Bush chat
9. B.B. Finch lark
10. Palm Swift
11. Brown Swift
12. Madras Bush lark
13. White Throated Munia
14. Spotted Munia
15. Black Headed Munia
16. Wh Breasted Kingfisher
17. C. Green Bee Eater
18. Tree Pie
19. Spotted Dove
20. Baya weaver
21. Striped wh warbler
22. Ashy wh warbler

23. Red vented Bulbul

24. Parakeet

25. Brahmany Kite

26. Shikara

Another Shikara
like bird but some
what larger seen
while returning from
college.

27. Koll (Herald)

28. Spotted Owllet (")

6-7-1975 - 4.30 to 7.00 P.M. went along
the north bund upto Umayalpuram and
returned via the ~~Main~~ ^{in Friday} Road. Even though
water was released 48 hours ~~earlier~~
elapsed since the release of water from
Mettur Dam, the water has not yet
reached here. Wind not as heavy as
during last week.

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| 29. Kestrel | 43. Ashy Swallow Shrike |
| 30. ^{or} Little Ringed Plover | 44. Paddy Bird |
| 31. Large Egret | 45. Dove |
| 32. Medium Egret | 46. Golden Backed |
| 33. Red Wattled Lapwing | Woodpecker |
| 34. Large Pied Wagtail | |
| 35. Common Kingfisher | |
| 36. River Tern | |
| 37. (Bl. Bell's) Tern | |
| 38. Purple Sunbird | |
| 39. Purple Rumped Sunbird | |
| 40. Little Minivet | |
| 41. Brain Fever Bird (Heard) | |
| 42. Wood Shrike | |
| 43. Chestnut Bittern | |

24.7.75 up to 2.k.m on the Northern Bank
of Cauvery - 5.00 to 6.00 P.m

Heavy Rains around Musiri for
the past four days. 31000 c + water in the
Cauvery. Very cool and comfortable weather.
Harvesting operations in full swing 3rd day.

A pair of ducks seen in middle
of the Cauvery. With rump white distinct.
Sandpipers, cormorants, Black winged
Sitt were also seen. River Tern not
as usual.

- 47 Ducks ? probably Pin Tail? or Mute
- 48 Black winged Sitt
- ~~Golden Bed Woodpecker~~
- 49 Grey Heron
- 50 Cormorant
- 51 ? sandpiper.
- 52 Pied Kingfisher
- 53 Common Kingfisher
- 54 Little Grebe (Trichostomus)
- 55 Little Bittern